



Citizens' Update XV

Fifteenth Reporting Period Highlights

January 1 – March 31, 2013

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Recovery Act Impact on Massachusetts

As of March 31, 2013

- **\$7.50 billion in awards** to state agencies
- **97% - \$7.28 billion** of awards **committed** by state agencies
- **96% - \$7.2 billion** of awards **spent** by state agencies, including **\$2.93 billion spent on 484 fully completed projects and programs¹**
 - **\$4.39 billion spent** on direct benefits (Unemployment Insurance, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, Medicaid, and other Safety Net Programs)
 - **\$2.81 billion spent** on programs and infrastructure projects through state agencies
- **1,265 full-time equivalent (FTE) jobs** funded by ARRA reported to the federal government between January 1 and March 31, 2013 with an additional 6FTEs not subject to federal reporting, for a total of **1,271 FTEs for the quarter**
- **4,224** actual individual workers reflected in this quarter's funded FTE count
- **2,112²** estimated indirect jobs created or retained
- **6,336** estimated total employment impact (5,392 direct and 2,696 indirect)
- **100,175 individuals** received an ARRA-funded paycheck between February 17, 2009 and March 31, 2013.

¹ For more detailed project and program information, please visit <http://www.mass.gov/Fstim/docs/completed-projects-xiii.xls>

² Using a multiplier of 1.5



Stimulus Works – Program and Project Highlights

Completed Projects through March 31, 2013

Over the past quarter, many projects and programs have been completed or have made significant progress towards completion. As of March 31, 2012, over 480 projects are fully completed. The following are some highlights from Recovery Act projects that were completed between January 1 and March 31, 2013. For more information on individual projects and programs, and to see stories from the past three years of economic recovery in Massachusetts, please visit www.mass.gov/recovery.

- The Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) received a \$125,077,457 grant from the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) to increase the energy efficiency of dwellings owned or occupied by low-income residents of Massachusetts. More than 10,000 homes were weatherized across the Commonwealth, the work providing nearly 3,000 individuals in 395 weatherization companies with a Recovery Act-funded paycheck. The project sought to reduce total residential energy expenditures and improve their health and safety, targeting particularly vulnerable populations such as the elderly, individuals with disabilities, and families with children. Typical work included air sealing, attic and dense-pack sidewall insulation, heating system improvements, and minor structural repairs, resulting in an average energy savings of 35% (\$700) per weatherized home.
- The Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) received a \$14,752,100 grant to advance clean technology and energy efficiency goals at the community level. The Mass Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant funded 91 energy projects and 42 municipal site monitoring visits. Over 40 communities were provided technical assistance for energy-saving performance projects or solar panel projects totaling approximately 1000 KW of installed solar power. Energy code training and curriculum for Massachusetts municipal building code officials were also completed. Additionally, with financial savings from the various funded activities, project partners identified specific opportunities to reduce drinking water and wastewater treatment facility energy use and greenhouse gas emissions.



• The Whole Picture – Where your Recovery Dollars are Going

(Cumulative through March 31, 2013)

Note: This table shows a summary of all Recovery Dollars Massachusetts has collected from state agencies. Information reported to the federal government is shaded in light green. All numbers are rounded to the nearest thousand dollars.³ For more detailed project and program information, please visit www.mass.gov/recovery.

Funding Category	Awarded to State Agencies	Total Committed	Expended
Awards Subject to 1512 Reporting to the Federal Government			
Education	2,015,434,000	1,889,938,000	1,826,857,000
Clean Energy & Environment	240,995,000	232,873,000	230,965,000
Housing	115,590,000	115,025,000	115,025,000
Workforce Programs	77,349,000	77,215,000	76,590,000
Public Safety & Homeland Security	42,635,000	41,821,000	41,386,000
Transportation	396,221,000	371,676,000	364,396,000
Safety Net Programs	22,678,000	22,269,000	21,993,000
Technology & Research	...,676,000	85,378,000	83,946,000
Subtotal	2,996,578,000	2,836,295,000	2,761,158,000
Awards Not Subject to 1512 Reporting to the Federal Government			
Accountability	14,796,000	13,110,000	12,687,000
Clean Energy & Environment	3,621,000	7,196,000	7,196,000
Housing	110,346,000	109,101,000	109,101,000
Safety Net Programs	4,369,720,000	4,313,314,000	4,313,314,000
Technology & Research	3,769,000	191,000	191,000
Subtotal	4,502,252,000	4,442,912,000	4,442,489,000
Grand Total	7,498,830,000	7,279,207,000	7,203,647,000

³ Totals may not add due to rounding. For exact figures, please visit www.mass.gov/recovery.



The Whole Picture – March 2013 Reporting Period Jobs Impact (January 1 through March 31, 2013)

Note: This table shows a summary of Recovery Act jobs Massachusetts has collected through state agencies during the most recent reporting cycle. Information reported to the federal government is shaded in light green. FTEs are rounded to the nearest whole number.⁴ For more detailed project and program information, please visit www.mass.gov/recovery.

Funding Category	Direct Full Time Equivalent Count (FTEs)	Actual Worker Count
Awards Subject to 1512 Reporting to the Federal Government		
Education	1,182	3,766
Clean Energy & Environment	22	44
Housing	0	0
Workforce Programs	5	25
Public Safety & Homeland Security	1	28
Transportation	7	32
Safety Net Programs	19	184
Technology & Research	30	134
Subtotal	1,265	4,213
Awards Not Subject to 1512 Reporting to the Federal Government		
Accountability	6	11
Clean Energy & Environment	0	0
Housing	0	0
Safety Net Programs	0	0
Technology & Research	0	0
Subtotal	6	11
Grand Total	1,271	4,224

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Detail on ARRA FTEs and Headcounts – March 2013 Report

Note: All FTE values are rounded to the nearest whole number.⁵ For more detailed project and program information, please visit www.mass.gov/recovery.

Awards Subject to 1512 Reporting to Federal Government

Secretariat	Direct Full-Time Equivalent Count (FTEs)					Actual Worker Count		
	Total	Created	Retained	Govt.	Non-Govt.	Total	Created	Retained
Attorney General	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
District Attorneys	1	0	102	1	0	24	0	24
Education	1,233	300	148,617	1,158	75	3,944	860	3,084
Housing & Economic Development	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Health & Human Services	19	4	2,509	3	16	184	21	163
Labor & Workforce Development	5	0	745	1	4	25	2	23
Energy and Environment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Public Safety & Security	1	0	86	1	0	4	0	4
Transportation	7	1	847	6	1	32	3	29
University of Massachusetts	52	0	0	46	5	178	0	178
Subtotal	1,265	305	152,906	1,170	95	4,213	888	3,327

Awards Not Subject to 1512 Reporting to Federal Government

Secretariat/Department	Direct Full-Time Equivalent Count (FTEs)					Actual Worker Count		
	Total	Created	Retained	Govt.	Non-Govt.	Total	Created	Retained
Administration & Finance	6	2	515	5	0	11	3	6
Energy and Environment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Subtotal	6	2	515	5	0	11	3	6
Grand Total	1,271	307	153,422	1,175	96	4,224	891	3,333

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Beneficiaries

This narrative provides the details of various ARRA program awards that are having a real impact on our citizens every day – over and above the jobs that have been created by Recovery dollars. While many of these initiatives are ones that have existed for several years, the injection of ARRA funds has allowed for the continuation and even expansion of these programs during these hard economic times. The beneficiaries listed below represent citizens across the Commonwealth from neighborhoods in every city and town. The numbers shown are an estimate by each state agency of the beneficiaries impacted so far because of the additional ARRA funds going into these programs. For more detailed project and program information, please visit www.mass.gov/recovery

Administration and Finance

Program Highlights	Beneficiaries
Impact on Child Support Incentives (Federal Match) Program run by the Child Support Enforcement Division, within the Department of Revenue, currently services in excess of 200,000 child-support cases. (Completed June 2011).	Over 200,000

Health and Human Services

Program Highlights	Beneficiaries
Congregate Meals Grant helps provide fresh meals on a statewide basis through a network of 23 community based local Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs), which provide a wide range of services to elders and their families. (Completed December 2010).	13,969
Medicaid Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) allows Massachusetts to avoid what would have been even deeper cuts throughout state government. A large portion of these dollars went toward the maintenance of the MassHealth program to preserve critical medical services to over 1.2 million recipients. (Completed October 2011).	Over 1,200,000
Home Delivered Nutrition Services helps elders with nutritional needs to become or remain healthy, independent, and active in their communities. (Completed December 2010).	4,228
Vocational Rehabilitation Services – ARRA funds are used by the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission to support a number of projects designed to assist individuals with disabilities. (Completed December 2011).	3,037
Supplemental Assistance Nutrition Program handled an unprecedented 30% increase in enrollment in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly known as Food Stamps). Beginning in April 2009, benefit amounts rose by 18% due to federal stimulus funding (resulting in a sizable monthly increase for most families). (Completed December 2010).	770,000
Infants and Families with Disabilities (IDEA) benefits infants and toddlers through age 3 who have or are at risk for developmental delays. (Completed September 2010).	8,082



Housing

Program Highlights	Beneficiaries
Community Development Block Grant for infrastructure improvements and public housing modernization awarded to provide services to the most vulnerable in our communities, and to create jobs through the expansion and retention of businesses. (Fully Completed September 2012)	2,375
Tax Credit Assistance Program supports Low Income Housing Tax Credit Projects that were stalled due to unfavorable financial market conditions. (Fully Completed February 2012)	2,493
Community Services Block Grants provided assistance to local communities, working through a network of 24 Action Agencies to reduce poverty, revitalize low income communities, and empower low income families and individuals to become fully self-sufficient. (Completed in September 2010)	63,812
Weatherization Assistance Program aims to increase the energy efficiency of dwellings occupied by low income persons, reduce their total home energy expenses, and improve their overall health and safety. The program targets particularly vulnerable people such as the elderly, the disabled and low-income families with children. (Fully Completed September 2012)	48,724
Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program provides services to individuals or families who are homeless or in danger of becoming homeless, including re-housing assistance, eviction prevention services, and subsidies to help families and individuals move out of shelters and motels. (Fully Completed July 2012)	8,053

Labor and Workforce Development

Program Highlights	Beneficiaries
Federal Additional Unemployment Compensation has allowed over 660,000 individuals from across the Commonwealth to receive an additional \$25 per week benefit compensation as a result of the Recovery Act. (Completed December 2010).	663,773
WIA Recovery Act Title 1 Services for Adult, Dislocated and Youth Workers funds directly benefit low-income individuals of the Commonwealth who qualify under the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) and received employment and training services. Qualified youth received employment opportunities. (Completed September 2011).	19,250
Wagner-Peyser Act Employment Services benefits employed and unemployed workers seeking to upgrade their skills and obtain jobs, and provides customized services to clients with special needs, including veterans, individuals with disabilities, and unemployment claimants likely to exhaust their benefits. (Completed September 2011).	161,202



Public Safety

Program Highlights	Beneficiaries
<p>State Fiscal Stabilization Fund – Government Services funds were expended to support Massachusetts municipal fire departments impacted by budget cuts that have forced layoffs and also vacancies resulting from attrition. Awards through this program have allowed the Commonwealth to retain 263 firefighters in 85 municipalities. (Completed December 2011).</p> <p>Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) funds are supporting municipal police staffs, employment initiatives and jobs for youth, and maintaining vital services in state public safety agencies. In each of these initiatives, the focus has been on preserving or creating jobs crucial to sustaining and enhancing public safety. More than \$6 million in JAG funds have been awarded to 35 cities and towns to support police departments' re-hiring laid off officers, hiring of new officers, and supporting overtime and other personnel costs.</p> <p>The Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) STOP Grants enhance services and advocacy to victims, improve the criminal justice system's response and promote effective law enforcement, prosecution, and judicial strategies to address domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. (Completed December 2011).</p>	<p>263 firefighters, benefiting residents of 85 cities & towns</p> <p>2,505 Statewide</p> <p>17,055 victims who received assistance</p>

Education

Program Description	Beneficiaries
<p>Race to the Top – Massachusetts received the top score on its application for funds from the US Department of Education's Race to the Top competition. The initiatives in Massachusetts' application were driven by the core belief that the persistent variation in student outcomes stems from both discrepancies in the quality of curriculum and instruction, and unrelated out-of-school circumstances that can affect a student's ability to learn. Each element in our proposal is designed to reduce this variation by focusing on improving the quality of teaching and learning each student receives and on providing students and families with the health and human service supports they require. Overall, we aim to achieve four objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Attract, develop, and retain an effective, academically capable, diverse, and culturally competent educator workforce to ensure every student is taught by a great teacher and every school and district is led by a great leader 2. Provide curricular and instructional resources to provide every educator with the tools necessary to promote and support student achievement 3. Concentrate great instruction and supports for educators, students, and families in our lowest performing schools to create the conditions needed for improved student achievement 4. Increase dramatically the number of students who graduate from high school ready for college and career <p>These objectives have garnered widespread support: 276 school districts signed on to Massachusetts' Race to the Top proposal (70 percent of the 393 districts)</p>	<p>Students and educators in 276 school districts</p>



Program Description	Beneficiaries
eligible to sign). These school districts represent 1,375 schools, 74 percent of K-12 public school enrollment, and 88 percent of students in poverty.	
<p>Education Jobs Fund – This grant provided an extra \$204 million in aid to provide assistance to states to save or create education jobs for the 2010-2011 school year.</p> <p>School Improvement Grants aim to strengthen State capacity to provide leadership in implementing effective school improvement strategies for local educational agencies (LEAs) and schools that have been identified for improvement, are in corrective action, and are in the restructuring process and (2) providing resources to LEAs to support school improvement activities, including the development and implementation of effective restructuring plans.</p> <p>State Fiscal Stabilization Fund – Education Stabilization Fund monies were expended to maintain the fiscal stability of the K-12 and public higher education systems and provide continued support to teachers, administrators, and staff members in school districts and also at our community colleges, state universities, and the University of Massachusetts campuses. In addition, funds were spent (in accordance with guidance issued by the U.S. Department of Education) to address infrastructure needs at these institutions. Most importantly, these funds were expended to maintain and enhance students' access to high-quality educational opportunities in K-12 schools and at our public institutions of higher education. (Completed December 2011).</p> <p>Title I, Part A funding improves teaching and learning for students most at risk of failing to meet State academic achievement standards. Grants were awarded to 258 districts that serve 202,166 students who are directly eligible to receive Title I services. Massachusetts has received an additional \$163 million in two types of Title I funding to supplement the \$243 million that the state received in 2009, an increase of 67 percent.</p> <p>Individuals with Disabilities in Education Act (IDEA), Part B Pre-School Grants were awarded to 179 districts that serve 9,000 children who are eligible to receive special education services.</p> <p>Individuals with Disabilities in Education Act (IDEA), Part B Grants to States support the provision of special education services to children with disabilities. Grants were awarded to 389 districts that serve approximately 165,000 students who are eligible to receive special education services. (Completed December 2011).</p> <p>Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) assistance benefits youth who received the summer learning vouchers, their parents who retained work as a result of having these vouchers, and the staff members who were employed because their programs received these vouchers. (Completed September 2011).</p> <p>USDA Child Nutrition Recovery Act serves 114 schools in 31 districts, serving a total enrollment of approximately 60,000 students. These funds were used to purchase new food service equipment for the schools. (Completed December 2010).</p> <p>USDA Child Nutrition Programs – Elementary and Secondary Education grants were awarded to four local community food banks that serve approximately 750 local food pantries and soup kitchens throughout the state. (Completed March 2011).</p>	<p>Students and educators in 327 districts</p> <p>12 schools that have been awarded “turnaround grants”</p> <p>Students and educators at all levels statewide – K-12, state universities and community colleges and the University of Massachusetts</p> <p>Students and educators in 258 districts</p> <p>Students and educators in 179 school districts</p> <p>Students and educators in 389 districts</p> <p>47,635</p> <p>Students and educators in 31 districts</p> <p>4 community food banks, serving 750 food pantries</p>



Transportation

Program Description	Beneficiaries
ARRA transportation projects are improving the roadways, transit systems, and pedestrian/bike and ferry facilities, throughout each of the Commonwealth's 14 counties. The highway projects include 95 roadway and bridge improvement projects. Improving the transportation system of the Commonwealth impacts the daily life of our citizens as well as providing the essential infrastructure for commerce. Ninety transportation projects have been completed as of March 31, 2013.	Community-wide

Energy and Environment

Program Description	Beneficiaries
USFS Native Species Ecological Restoration Grant benefits residents of Worcester and Berkshire counties in Massachusetts by detecting and eradicating the destructive Asian Long-horned Beetle and other invasive insect species that destroy trees and other vegetation. (Completed December 2011).	Residents of Worcester and Berkshire counties
State Energy Program aims to provide leadership to maximize the benefits of energy efficiency and renewable energy in Massachusetts. The Department of Energy Resources is working to substantially increase solar energy resources in state facilities, as well as to reduce energy waste and increase renewable energy projects across the Commonwealth. This program includes \$8 million in rebates for over 100 private solar projects.	Community-wide
Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants will advance clean energy technology and energy efficiency goals at the community level. This will include both funding to assist with energy efficiency projects and to provide technical assistance to municipalities. (Fully Completed October 2012)	Community-wide
The Leaking Underground Storage Tank program will provide Massachusetts with funds for the remediation of known storage tanks buried underground that are or have been compromised and are leaking petroleum into the environment. Leaking tanks pose threats to drinking water and surface water in the immediate area of the tank as well as to the larger surrounding environment as pollution spreads. Communities affected by this grant include Dorchester, Grafton, Holyoke, Lawrence, Malden, Mattapan, Middlefield, Rehoboth, Shutesbury and Wrentham. (Fully Complete October 2012)	Community-wide